

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-52 were subject to restriction and/or election requirement. In this response, claims 42-43 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 4-5, 7-9, 11-13, 15, 17-34, 36-41, and 47-52 have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim, in full, clear, concise, and exact terms, the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. In addition, new claim 53 has been added. Thus, claims 1-41 and 44-53 are pending. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-28, 29-30, 31-36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44-48, and 49-50 are subject to election restriction. Without admitting the restriction requirement is correct on the merits, Applicant hereby elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-28) for further prosecution. In addition, Applicant has amended certain claims to depend from independent claim 1. Thus, there are only two independent claims 1 and 44, and the rest of the claims depend from the independent claims 1 and 44.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 44, as well as their respective dependent claims, belong to the same group. Independent claim 1 claims a method for conducting survey, while claim 44 claims a system that performs a method similar to the one recited in claim 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 44, and the rest of the dependent claims, should belong to the same group. Withdrawal of the restriction is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call/email the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,

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